

Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group
FINAL: Minutes for November Meeting
11/10/04

Robin Plance Chair
800 NE Oregon Ave., 6:08 to 8:13 PM
Minutes taken by Travis Williams

Present at meeting:

Neighborhood Associations:

Robin Plance	(b) (6)	St. Johns Chair, Administrative committee coordinator
Peter Laughingwolf	(b) (6)	Cathedral Park

Environment:

Rhett Lawrence	rhett@ospirg.org	OSPIRG
Travis Williams	travis@willamette-riverkeeper.org	Willamette Riverkeeper

At-Large:

Jim Robison	(b) (6)	Citizen
Jackie Calder	(b) (6)	Citizen

Health:

Jane Harris Health (OCEH)	jane@oregon-health.org	Oregon Center for Environmental
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Recreation:

Bill Barrett	(b) (6)	Waterfront Org. of Oregon (WOO)
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Excused absences:

Neighborhood Associations:

Larry Talbert	(b) (6)	Hi Noon
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Business:

Steve Gunther	(b) (6)	Progressive Products and Services
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Recreation:

Raquel Coyote	(b) (6)	Citizen
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At-Large:

Bill McCauley	no email, (b) (6)	Citizen
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Environment:

Dorothy Shoemaker	(b) (6)	Sierra Club Evaluation committee coordinator, Board Secretary
Joe Keating	(b) (6)	Oregon Wildlife Federation Education and Outreach coordinator

Others present:

Jim Anderson	DEQ	Anderson.jim@deq.state.or.us
Barbara Smith	Lower Willamette Group	Barbara@harrisandsmith.com
Chip Humphrey	EPA	humphrey.chip@epa.gov
Kim Cox	City of Portland	kimc@bes.ci.portland.or.us
Bill Egan	Oregon Bass and Panfish Club	no email, 503-286-7734
Sue Safford	Port of Portland	saffos@portptld.com
Aron Borok	Environment International/Tribes	aron.borok@eiltld.net
Heidi Helwig	USACE	heidi.g.helwig@usace.army.mil
Joan Rothlein	OHSU	rothlein@ohsu.edu
Regina Skarzinskas	Williamette-Riverkeeper	(b) (6)
Jordan Palmeri	DEQ	Palmeri.jordan@deq.state.or.us
Judy Smith	EPA	smith.judy@epa.gov
Bob Wyatt	Northwest Natural	

Meeting began at 6:08 pm.

MOTION: Accept Minutes of the October meeting. Moved by Jim Robison, seconded by Rhett Lawrence, approved.

Discussed that only the basics should be included in minutes in regard to tenor, topics and motions. Not blow by blow, exact transcripts of the meeting. Jane Harris offered to help with mailings to those CAG members that do not have email.

Committee reports:

Education & Outreach Committee

There was a discussion about the draft PRP letter and survey to send out to PRPs. Robin asked when this would be finalized. Jackie recommended that the letter and survey be approved by email.

Travis motioned to have the letter approved by email and Robin asked for a consensus. Robin asked to have the draft approved by email and ready for next meeting. The letter (survey) needs to be snail mailed to Bill McCaulley.

Evaluation Committee

Jane Harris has offered to volunteer to chair the Evaluation Committee and said that Dorothy had agreed to step down.

The next technical meeting will be December 10th from 10 am to noon at the OCEH, 516 SE Morrison. This will be a follow-up meeting on the T4 early action issue. The Port of Portland is having open houses on Dec. 2 from 5:30 pm-8 pm and Dec. 11 from 1-4 pm.

Travis brought the issue of NRDA and the need for the PHCAG to weigh in and draft a position letter. A brief discussion followed.

Jackie Calder suggested that the PHCAG should weigh in with testimony regarding what we like or not in regards to the River Renaissance Strategy. Jackie provided notes for the CAG to review. Travis recommended that the CAG focus on the main points, following the bullets outlined in the Strategy Draft. Jim stated that it should work with industry to limit industrial impacts on the Harbor.

ACTION ITEM: Jackie agreed to develop key points by November 15th and share them with the group by email. She will then testify on November 18th and share main points with City Council.

Robin suggested that developing a basic chart that could be used to help track the status of things/projects elements on the Harbor cleanup, "State of the Cleanup". Chip Humphrey said that he could help with putting this together and supporting information.

Robin asked Bill Egan if he had decided to be on the CAG.

MOTION: Robin motioned to appoint Bill Egan to fill a recreation spot on the CAG. Bill Barrett seconded and motion passed. Bill Egan is the newest member.

PH 201: Portland Harbor updates

Chip Humphrey of the EPA went over the cleanup schedule. He stated that EPA feels good about Round 2 data collection sampling of direct toxicity levels.

Bob Wyatt of NW Natural talked about the Round 2A schedule, and understanding the data collected. LWG supplied handouts about the schedule.

Round 2- 2004/2005 underway;

- 510 Surface samples -- chemistry
- 230 bio assay samples -- toxicity
- 250 subsurface coring -- chemistry

2005/2006 -- Risk Analysis/RI reports.

2007 -- the feasibility study that will supply the cleanup options.

2008 -- identify the final remedies, EPA Record of Decision (ROD).

A pilot study will be done to find out what the right tools are for a large river system. Are these the right tools?

Step 1 -- a hydrology model would be 2 years of building data on the river.

Step 2 -- the model would be calibrated and applying it.

The surface water sampling is trying to capture data during high flow periods. Jim Anderson, DEQ went over the source control. Thirteen have been completed. Multiple chemicals were found present and vary by site to site.

The City of Portland has sampled pipes in area in what is called the "City Outfall project".

The agenda for the next CAG meeting was discussed, possibly a presentation from the US Corp of Engineers on dredging technologies. The CAG asked the EPA and Corp to bring an update on the Schnitzer dredging permit. Chip agreed to supply more information at the next CAG meeting. Helen Helwig of the Corp of Engineers will have a Corp member attend to provide a dredging presentation.

At some point in the meeting, EPA's Chip Humphrey reported that \$100K was awarded to a Philadelphia Co. for a PRP search.

Robin Plance adjourned the meeting at 8:13 pm.